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Amendments to the Abstract:

ABSTRACT

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The invention relates to an An apparatus for the positioning of a clamp-on flow measuring device [[(1)]] on a containment [[(7)]], which has a medium [[9]] flowing through it[[,]] including. The apparatus includes at least two ultrasonic transducers [[(2; 3)]], which emit measuring signals into the containment [[(7)]] and/or receive measuring signals from the containment [[(7)]], a positioning unit [[(11)]] for the variable positioning of the ultrasonic transducers [[(2, 3)]] on the containment [[(7)]], a control/evaluation unit [[(8)]], which calculates from predetermined process and/or system variables a characteristic, desired variable (Tdesired) of the measuring signals and which determines on the basis of a comparison of the calculated, desired variable (Tdesired) with the corresponding, measured, actual variable (Tactual), whether the ultrasonic transducers [[(2, 3)]] are optimally positioned or whether the position of the ultrasonic transducers need to be changed, and an indicating unit [[(12)]], which indicates to operating personnel a required change of position and/or the direction in which a change of position needs to be made.

[[(Fig. 2)]]